



Comhairle Contae Lú
Louth County Council

Cruinniú Bardasach Dhún Dealgan / Municipal District of Dundalk

Minutes of Municipal District of Dundalk Meeting – Council Chamber, County Hall, Dundalk -
Tuesday, 10th December 2024 at 5:15pm

In attendance:

Cathaoirleach: Councillor Séan Kelly

Members: Councillor(s) Marianne Butler, Emma Coffey, Sionnain McCann, Andrea McKeivitt, Shane McGuinness, Kevin Meenan, Fiona MhicConchoille, Robert Nash, John Reilly, Antóin Watters, Maeve Yore, Ciaran Fisher

Officials: Thomas McEvoy, Director of Services
Bryan Coughlan, Meetings Administrator
Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer
John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer
Noel Treanor, Senior Executive Engineer
Irene McGahon, Executive Engineer
Terence Loane, Executive Planner

Minute No. 120/24

Minutes of monthly Meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2024 were adopted on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Fiona MhicConchoille
Seconded by: Cllr. Sionainn McCann
And resolved

Minute No. 121/24

Allocation of Members Community Grants provided for under Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001

Members considered the Community Grants as circulated before the meeting, in addition to the proposed grants added late. Approval of same was:

Proposed by: Cllr. Emma Coffey
Seconded by: Cllr. Antoin Watters
And resolved.

In addition, Cllr. Sean Kelly wished to add in an additional grant for the Dundalk Soup Kitchen. This was approved on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Marianne Butler
Seconded by: Cllr. Antoin Watters
And resolved.

Cllr. Kevin Meenan added that he would hope all Members would support the Homeless Street League through the Members Community Grants in 2025.

Minute No. 122/24

Part 8 – Active Travel – Inner Relief Road to Riverside Walk

Noel Treanor presented the Part 8 to the Members who in general welcomed the proposal. The staff involved were thanked for their efforts to date with a special mention for Irene McGahon who is taking up a new role shortly. The importance of communicating the timeline was highlighted.

The Part 8 was approved on the:

Proposal of: Cllr. Maeve Yore
Seconded by: Cllr. Marianne Butler
And resolved.

Minute No. 123/24

Physical Development

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Noel Treanor, Senior Executive Engineer addressed matters raised.

In response to a query from Cllr. Antoin Watters, Mr. Treanor confirmed that a design brief for the Carlingford/Greenore Flood Defence has been put together with the Office of Public Works and will be going to tender shortly.

Mr. Treanor will respond on the following matters in the coming days:

- Plans for Sexton's Junction
- Any claims for additional works relating to Narrow Water Bridge
- Cul de sac at Mount Avenue

Minute No. 124/24

Housing Progress Report

Members noted the report as circulated at the meeting and John Lawrence, Senior Executive Officer, addressed all matters raised at the meeting.

The following items were highlighted:

- There are limited circumstances where someone will be refused access to temporary emergency accommodation, usually only where there has been previous bad behaviour by the applicant or where it is known that they have access to accommodation elsewhere.
- The apartments on Ecco Road will be ready for occupancy early next year.
- There have been a small number of enquires for the Local Authority Purchase and Renovation Loan but there have been no applications as of yet.
- The Tenant-in-Situ scheme has ceased but a small number of specific properties are being purchased to suit specific needs of specific people, such as 4 bed homes, bungalows etc.

Minute No. 125/24

Roads and Local Services Report

Members discussed the report as circulated at the meeting. Mark Johnston, Senior Engineer addressed matters raised.

Along with potholes, trees, road safety and signage requests and illegal dumping, the following items were highlighted:

- In general, there is a dissatisfaction regarding how road closures are being communicated. Mark Johnston stated in response that sometimes roads have to be closed in an emergency.
- Concern was expressed that the traffic lights at DKIT are not set in sync with traffic volumes, causing a backlog of traffic on the by-pass. A similar observation was put forward by Cllr. Robert Nash.
- Cllr. Maeve Yore praised the work undertaken by Jim Kerley on providing digital records of the graveyard.
- The situation which resulted in the road at Longwoman's Grave being closed will be clarified
- Cllr. Shane McGuinness stated that he believes that the traffic lights outside the train station are causing traffic build up in the wider area. In response, Mark Johnston clarified that this will be changed under Active Travel plan. Similar concerns were expressed by Cllr. Sean Kelly relating to the traffic management at Bridge Street.
- Cllr. Sean Kelly welcomed the new pedestrian crossing at Castletown Pharmacy.
- Mark Johnston advised that there are currently 14 projects on the list for the Community Involvement Scheme and that the Council is undertaking 2 or 3 of these per year.
- Cllrs Sean Kelly and Kevin Meenan met with David Jones to discuss speed calming measures in Dundalk.
- An invite to the Official Opening of the refurbished Playground at St. Helena's Park will be issued shortly.

Minute No. 126/24

AOB

- Cllr. Sean Kelly wished all the Members and Staff a Happy Christmas and thanked all for their assistance during the year.

The Minutes were confirmed at a meeting of the Council held on:

Date: 14/1/28

Cathaoirleach: 

Meeting Administrator: 